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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the final Office Action dated December 9, 2010, and Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief dated February 11, 2011, Applicants submit the present remarks in support of patentability. Prior to the filing of this Response, Claims 1-2, and 4-25 were pending, with claims 17-25 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-16 stand rejected, while claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 are objected to due to informalities.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.